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Novelty (N)	Claims	1.7	NO
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Inventive step (IS)	Claims	. 7	NO
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	NO
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2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 61-191518 A (Nippon Soda Co., Ltd.) August 26, 1986

Document 2: JP 2000-143251 A (Mitsubishi Materials Corp.) May 23, 2000

Document 3: JP 06-100319 A (Toyota Central Research and Development Laboratories) April 12,

Document 4: JP 08-217461 A (Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd.) August 27, 1996

Document 5: JP 61-232217 A (Nippon Soda Co., Ltd.) October 16, 1986

Based on the descriptions in documents 1-5, the inventions of claims 1-2, and 7 lack novelty. The cited locations in each of documents 1-5 in the international search report describe the "process for producing a perovskite composite oxide" by performing a "heat treatment process" after "mixing the organometallic salts of the elemental ingredients constituting the perovskite composite oxide" and "preparing the precursors of those oxides."

Based on the descriptions in documents 1-5, the inventions of claims 3-6 lack novelty. In the expressions "metal alkoxide" and "selected from a group consisting of hydrolyzable organometallic compounds of the metals Ti...Mn and carboxylic acids of the metals Mg...Mn" (claims), document 1 describes the "alkoxide of the element" of claim 3, the "coprecipitate of the salt of the element or citric acid complex of each element" of claim 4, the "noble metal comprising part of the elemental constituents" of claim 5, and the "metal complex of an elemental constituent formed from at least one item selected from a group in which the organometallic salt of the elemental constituent is the organic carboxylate and/or β -diketone compound, β -ketone ester compound, or β dicarboxylic acid ester of that elemental constituent" of claim 6. The cited locations in each of documents 2-5 in the international search report contain similar descriptions.